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SUBJ: S. A. SPORT MOVES HALF STEP FORWARD

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1. SPEAKING IN PARLIAMENT MAY 26, MINISTER OF SPORT, DR. P. G. J. KOORNHOF, ANNOUNCED SEVERAL SAG CONCESSIONS IN SPORTS POLICY. PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANT IS WILLINGNESS OF GOVERNMENT TO ALLOW MULTI- RACIAL TEAMS TO REPRESENT SOUTH AFRICA OVERSEAS IN CERTAIN SPORTS. AT SAME TIME KOORNHOF RULED OUT INTEGRATED SPORT AT CLUB, PROVINCIAL OR NATIONAL LEVEL. ONLY INTEGRATED TEAMS SOUTH AFRICANS WILL SEE INSIDE SA ARE THOSE REPRESENTING FOREIGN COUNTRIES. KOORNHOF SAID SAG WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH INTEGRATED FOREIGN TEAMS VISITING SA AS LONG AS PLAYERS NOT RPT NOT CHOSEN FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

2. KOORNHOF ALSO ANNOUNCED SAG DECISION TO ALLOW A " MULTI- NATIONAL" SOCCER TOURNAMENT NEXT YEAR. AS IN PRECEDENT- BREAKING TOURNAMENT DURING SA GAMES THIS YEAR ( REFAIR), SEGREGATED TEAMS REPRESENTING DIFFERENT SOUTH AFRICAN ETHNIC GROUPS WILL COMPETE. HOWEVER, INSTEAD ON ONE AFRICAN TEAM, AS IN THE SA GAMES, AFRICANS WILL BE BROKEN DOWN INTO " NATIONAL" ( I. E. TRIBAL) TEAMS FOR THIS TOURNAMENT. SAG HAS ALSO GIVEN PERMISSION FOR A MULTI- NATIONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT NEXT SUMMER AND, IF AT LEAST TWO

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FOREIGN COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE, FOR TWO ATHLETIC COMPETITIONS AND AN INTERNATIONAL CYCLE COMPETITION.

3. SAG CONCESSIONS, WHILE IMPORTANT, STILL FAIL TO MEET DEMANDS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN CRITICS OF SAG SPORTING POLICIES. CONTINUED SAG OPPOSITION TO " MULTI- NATIONAL " COMPETITION WITHOUT FOREIGN PARTICIPATION OR IN OTHER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ITS OUTRIGHT REJECTION OF INTEGRATED SOUTH AFRICAN TEAMS IN SOUTH AFRICA WILL CONTINUE TO CAUSE PROBLEMS. TALKS BETWEEN RIVAL SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET BODIES RECENTLY FOUNDERED ON THIS ISSUE.  
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